

librarian, and (4) about a resolution which was against the pro-kannadigas. Subsequently, the Management have withdrawn the resolution.

SRI N. B. SIRDESAI.—Whether it is a fact that because the library is being run by the Marati speaking people and the records are maintained in Marati, the grants were stopped abruptly?

SRI S. M. YAHYA.—Generally speaking the language as such is not the question. The Government would help as much as possible. The contention of the Hon'ble member that grants were stopped because the Library is run by Marati people, is not the reason at all.

Constitution of Central Committee of State Wakfs Board

195. **SRI ABDUL KUDDUS ANWAR (Bhadravati).**—Will the Minister for University Education and Wakfs be pleased to state :—

(a) when the State Wakfs Board Central Committee was constituted ;

(b) the name of the person who is heading this Committee ;

(c) whether the District Committees have been formed in the State ; if so, when and the mode of selection of the personnels ; the names of the persons serving in each such Committee ;

(d) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that District Committees so constituted are trying to destroy all Burial grounds and Dargahs ;

(e) the total revenue derived out of this wakf properties in each District ?

SRI S. M. YAHYA (Minister for University Education and Wakfs)

(a) The Board of Wakfs in the State under the Wakfs Act, 1954 was first constituted in the year 1961.

(b) Government have reconstituted the Karnataka Board of Wakfs with effect from 10th June, 1977, after curtailing the period of supersession. The newly reconstituted Board has yet to elect its Chairman.

(c) Yes, from the year 1961 onwards. The mode of selection is to obtain recommendations from the Deputy Commissioners concerned and from the Chairman of the District Wakf Committees. A list showing the names of members of the existing District Wakf Committees is placed on the table of the House.

** There is, at present, no Committee in Raichur District.

(d) No.

(e) A list is placed on the Table of the House. * *

SRI ABDUL KUDDUS ANWAR.—In answer to (d) has it not come to the notice of the Government that Government has taken possession of the land at Shimoga burial-ground and formed a lay-out in consultation with Wakf Board members. Even in Bangalore it is being done.

SRI S. M. YAHYA.—To the question as to whether the District Committees constituted are trying to destroy all Burial-grounds, the reply given is 'NO'. These Committees are advisory bodies and they are interested to see that the wakf properties are safeguarded as much as possible; they are not mandatory bodies.

SRI ABDUL KUDDUS ANWAR.—May I know why there is such a long delay in forming these Committees? Is it with the intention of getting people of their choice?

SRI S. M. YAHYA.—The Act was passed in the year 1954. It is a Parliamentary Act. Subsequently they took lot of time to frame the rules, and afterwards the State Government was asked to the option as to whether they would like to come under the Central Act or not. Hence there was delay. The first Board was constituted in the year 1961.

SRI ABDUL KUDDUS ANWAR.—There were a number of representations made to the Hon'ble Minister as well as the Chief Minister to form these Committees. The Committees were formed only a month or two ago. Why there was such a long delay? Is it to find people of their taste?

SRI S. M. YAHYA.—I would like to make it clear that the first Board was constituted in the year 1961, not 1971. It is not correct to say that for the last 20 years there was no Board at all. There was only a gap of about 1½ years, when the Board was not functioning properly an Administrator was nominated, and last month a new Board was reconstituted.

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